

## The Impact of Landmark Supreme Court Cases

**Objective:** Explore the impact of a landmark Supreme Court case on American law and civil rights.

### Instructions:

1. **Choose a Case:** Research any Supreme Court case that interests you. Make sure it is a landmark case that had a significant impact on American law and civil rights.
2. **Summary:** Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) summarizing the main facts of the case and the Supreme Court's decision. Include key points such as the background of the case, the main issues, and the final ruling.
3. **Impact:** In 2-3 sentences, explain why this case is important and how it continues to influence American society today. Consider the legal, social, and political implications.
4. **Reflection:** Write a brief reflection (2-3 sentences) on how you think this decision might affect you personally. Think about how the ruling might impact your rights, freedoms, or daily life.
5. **Submit:** Turn in your work for review. Make sure your work is clear, concise, and well-organized.

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### Rubric

| Criteria | Excellent (4) | Good (3) | Fair (2) | Poor (1) |
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| <b>Choice of Case</b>           | Selected a highly relevant landmark case                  | Selected a relevant case                                   | Selected a less relevant case                                   | Case chosen is not a landmark case               |
| <b>Summary</b>                  | Clearly and accurately summarizes main facts and decision | Summarizes main facts and decision with minor inaccuracies | Summarizes main facts but misses key points or has inaccuracies | Inaccurate or incomplete summary                 |
| <b>Impact Explanation</b>       | Thoroughly explains importance and current influence      | Explains importance and influence with minor gaps          | Briefly explains importance with several gaps                   | Fails to explain importance or current influence |
| <b>Reflection</b>               | Insightful and personal reflection on impact              | Personal reflection with some insights                     | Limited personal reflection                                     | No personal reflection or relevance              |
| <b>Clarity and Organization</b> | Well-organized, clear, and concise                        | Mostly clear and organized                                 | Some organization but lacks clarity                             | Disorganized and unclear                         |
| <b>Grammar and Mechanics</b>    | Free from errors  | Few minor errors   | Several errors  | Many errors                                      |

### **Example:**

**Case:** Brown v. Board of Education (1954)

**Summary:** This case challenged the segregation of public schools based on race. The Supreme Court ruled that "separate but equal" schools were inherently unequal and violated the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. This landmark decision led to the desegregation of schools across the United States.

**Impact:** The Brown v. Board of Education case was crucial in the fight against racial segregation and laid the groundwork for the Civil Rights Movement. It has a lasting influence on ensuring equal educational opportunities for all students.

**Reflection:** This decision impacts me by promoting a more inclusive and equitable education system. It ensures that students of all races have access to the same quality of education, which is important for a fair and just society.

*Remember to use this example to guide your own work, but be sure to choose a different case and provide your own insights and reflections.*